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FOR:

LATERAL THYRISTOR STRUCTURE FOR PROTECTION RECENTED TECHCEMER PROPERTY.

AGAINST ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 6.

Amend claims 8, 9 and 12 as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A lateral thyristor structure for protection against electrostatic discharge, comprising:

at least two lateral thryristors, which each include

a semiconductor substrate of a first conduction type, with a surface;

a well region of a second conduction type, opposite to said first conduction type, which is introduced into said surface of said semiconductor substrate;